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Methamphetamine Lab Dismantled

The Omaha Police Department's Narcotics Unit executed a court authorized search warrant at 3717 South 66th Street, 66th Street Storage.

The search warrant was executed as part of a follow up investigation into the improvised explosive devices that were recently discovered in Omaha and LaVista.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., officers from the Omaha Police Department Narcotics Unit, worked in conjunction with the Bomb Response Team, Clan Lab Team, LaVista Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms, and Explosives, Drug Enforcement Agency, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Bellevue Police Department, Sarpy County Sheriff's Department, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Omaha Fire Department Hazmat Team, and EMS personnel, executing this search warrant.

This storage facility was identified as having a storage unit that was being rented by the suspect who had been arrested in the improvised explosive device investigation in LaVista. There were indications that there were narcotics and explosive materials in the storage unit.

When the Omaha Police Department Bomb Response Team arrived they opened the storage unit remotely utilizing their robot. Once opened the officers that were on scene observed what ended up being the largest methamphetamine laboratory discovered in recent times, which was not an active lab at the time it was discovered. The Clandestine Lab Team responded to dismantle the lab. The investigators also discovered components used to manufacture improvised explosive devices.

Due to the magnitude of the methamphetamine lab, and discovery of the components for improvised explosive devices the decision was made to conduct a unified command utilizing multiple agencies.

The investigation is still on going.

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